

## THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES KNOWN OR LIKELY TO OCCUR IN LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS

- **Bald Eagle** (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) Threatened: Known to occur as an occasional winter visitant along the Saline River and other areas of suitable habitat. Wintering eagles are dependent upon large water bodies and larger rivers where they feed on waterfowl and fish. *Critical habitat has been designated.* Threatened nationally.
- **Eastern Spotted Skunk** (*Spilogale putorius interrupta*) Threatened: May occur in suitable habitat. Prefers forest edge and rock outcrops in upland prairie grasslands. Also frequents fencerows, outbuildings, brushpiles, and riparian woodlands.
- **Eskimo Curlew** (*Numenius borealis*) Endangered: Formerly a regular spring migrant using plowed fields, heavily grazed pastures, burned grasslands, and prairie dog towns. Was most common in the eastern 2/3 of the state, but has not been verified in Kansas since 1902. A few birds may still migrate through the state. Endangered nationally.
- **Least Tern** (*Sterna antillarum*) Endangered: May occur as transients or occasional summer visitants at water bodies where small fish are abundant. Endangered nationally.
- **Peregrine Falcon** (*Falco peregrinus*) Endangered: May occur as an uncommon transient and occasional winter visitant. Prefers marshes, lakes, and rivers where concentrations of waterfowl or other birdlife provide ample prey.
- **Piping Plover** (*Charadrius melodus*) Threatened: May occur as a rare transient. Prefers sparsely vegetated shorelines of shallow lakes, salt flats and open ground in marshes, and bare river sandbars. Threatened nationally.
- **Snowy Plover** (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) Threatened: Known to occur as an occasional summer visitant or transient on mud flats in wetlands, bare river sandbars, and shorelines on impoundments.
- **White-faced Ibis** (*Plegadis chihi*) Threatened: May occur as a local summer visitant or seasonal transient in marshes and at impoundments.
- **Whooping Crane** (*Grus americana*) Endangered: Known to occur occasionally as a seasonal transient. Stops to rest and feed at marshes and hay fields. Endangered nationally.